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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Assistant to DD/I (Planning)

SUBJECT : Semi-Annual Report to the President's Board  
of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence

1. The chief emphasis in OCI reporting, during the period 30 September 1960 to 1 April 1961, has been on the developing situations in Laos and the Congo, with particular attention being devoted in each case to Sino-Soviet Bloc activities. In addition, full coverage has been given to Bloc relations with Cuba, to Communist pressures on Berlin and attacks on the United Nations Secretariat and its activities, and to the Sino-Soviet dispute, particularly the withdrawal of Soviet technicians from China last summer and the meeting of world Communist leaders in Moscow last November. Our publications treated fully bloc internal developments, principally new weapons and improvements in space technology, and agricultural difficulties. The bloc reactions to last fall's US presidential elections and to the inauguration and immediate post-inaugural period were treated in considerable detail.

2. Other developments which have been followed closely include the increase in Communist activity in South Vietnam, the differences between India and Communist China, the uncertainties arising out of the Iranian elections, the uprising against the Emperor in Ethiopia, political developments in the newly independent African states, and most recently disturbances in Angola. Reporting on Latin America has been expanding, with particular attention being given to the situation in Cuba, the elections and new administration in Brazil, and the change of governments in El Salvador. Other subjects given full treatment include the Algerian situation and preliminaries leading toward negotiations between De Gaulle and the Algerian rebels; and the growing instability of the Salazar regime in Portugal.

3. During this period OCI continued to prepare materials used by the Director of Central Intelligence for briefings of the Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates during the election

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[REDACTED] In October 1960, the USIB special committee on Berlin was reactivated, and has been issuing regular reports; OCI provides the chairman for this committee and does a major portion of the committee's substantive work. USIB also established an Ad Hoc Working Group on Cuba, with OCI providing the chairman; this group issued studies on the military build-up of the Cuban armed forces under Castro with emphasis on the receipt of Soviet Bloc arms and technicians.

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